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1. Following is a translation of the report of the Tyrolese Communist Party Headquarters submitted to the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Austria in Vienna for the month of March 1950:

"In March 1950, the party organization of the Province of Tyrol held 31 party rallies, including four demonstrations for the Peace Day, and 47 meetings of party members. Night training will be continued for the month of April. Seventy-three comrades attended the courses on the activities of the factory groups. Eighty-one percent of all party dues, a total of 3,418 schillings, was collected in March 1950.

"The party work is making slow progress because threats of the occupation authorities are preventing many district headquarters from participating the activities desired. For example comrade Lambrecht in Landeck was told by the local officers of the French occupation authorities that the Communists would make no progress in the Upper Inn district because the French were in a position to neutralize all Communist propaganda. Of course no such steps were taken, but the active party members were intimidated. Such and similar threats could be mentioned by the dozen, but this would not change the conditions prevailing here.

"As regards organizational measures our provincial party headquarters is bent upon creating a solid cadre of

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of party members. We hope we shall succeed in this endeavor in the course of the following months. Politically we are in the center of all attacks; this is particularly true with our parliamentary representatives. We believe it to be urgently necessary for the Central Committee to convene an internal plenary session where all these questions may be discussed.

"The Austrian authorities, on the whole, have not put any obstacles in our way and, insofar as could be observed, have not decreed any internal measures against the Communist Party. Concerning our occupation power it may be mentioned that they in cooperation with the Americans continue their defense measures and fortifications. Arms shipments again went from Bavaria to Italy. A detailed report was submitted to comrade Honner.

"The introduction of the party tax met with little sympathy from our functionaries, since they believe that with party dues, subscription to papers and booklets and various voluntary contributions the financial burden on the individual party member is heavy enough as it is. It may be added that the cooperation with the left-wing Socialists, the Association of Friends of Peace and the Peace Councils was good.

(s) Max Floeckinger e.h. "

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